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MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

SUBJECT: National Presumptive Remedy Evaluation

FROM: Andrea McLaughlin, Presumptive Remedy Team Leader

TO: Jon Peterson, Region 05

Attached is a survey form related to implementation of a presumptive remedy at the Albion Sheridan TWP Landfill Site. This survey follows up the telephone inquiries we conducted in July and August to identify sites and/or operable units (OUs) where presumptive remedies were implemented or evaluated for feasibility. Instructions for completing the survey form are provided at the end of this memorandum.

This survey is Part II of a two-part national evaluation effort designed to gather Regional feedback on implementing the presumptive remedies. The purpose of this survey is to: (1) collect information about whether and how use of a presumptive remedy affected the remedy selection process, (2) estimate qualitative and quantitative benefits that may have resulted from implementing the presumptive remedy at your site, and (3) to identify limitations or shortcomings with the presumptive remedies, existing guidance, and/or Headquarters support.

This evaluation is part of a continuing effort to implement four focus areas identified in the memorandum, "Focus Areas for Headquarters OERR Support for Regional Decision Making," OSWER Directive 9200.7-17, May 1996. The focus areas memo states OERR's commitment to "...promote appropriately consistent CERCLA program implementation by all Regional offices and effective communication between Headquarters and the Regions." The four focus areas identified as particularly important are:

- risk management and cost-effectiveness decision documentation;
- ground-water policy;
- lead policy; and
- presumptive remedies.

All information collected will be privileged and confidential, and will be used only for the purpose of analyzing trends and the effectiveness of the presumptive remedy process. All comments will be summarized collectively. A draft report will be prepared to summarize the findings and recommendations of this survey, and will be made available to the Regions early in FY 99.



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Instructions for Completing this Survey

Based on results from Part One of the evaluation, we are sending you the survey form for sites where a presumptive remedy has been implemented. Please complete Part Two of the attached survey form for this OU. Part Two consists of the following sections:

- Section I collects information for those sites where a presumptive remedy was implemented as a non-time-critical removal action.
- Section II focuses on cost and time savings, if any, and any other benefits (or limitations) resulting from implementing the presumptive remedy.
- Section III captures any streamlining of the remedial design/remedial action (RD/RA) that may have occurred as a result of the presumptive remedy; please indicate the source of cost and time information or a brief description of the estimation method used, as applicable.
- Section IV identifies cost information; please indicate the source of cost information or a brief description of the estimation method used, as applicable.
- Section V requests information about sites where the *Wood Treeters* or *VOCs in Soil* presumptive remedy was implemented; RPMs or OSCs answering for municipal landfill presumptive remedy use need not complete this section.
- Section VI is designed to collection information on enforcement implications; please provide as much qualifying information as you feel is necessary to put answers in context.
- Section VII is for comments on use of the presumptive remedy; please feel free to provide feedback concerning other benefits or limitations of the presumptive remedy process in this section, as your feedback may be used as a basis for evaluating the need for future updates to presumptive remedy guidance and procedures.

We appreciate your help in completing this survey. If you have any questions or need additional copies of the survey, please contact me at (703) 603-8793 or email mclaughlin.andrea@epamail.epa.gov.

Please return the completed survey by June 15, 1998 to:

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